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Allocation of agenda items to the Third Committee

Letter dated 19 September 2008 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee

I have the honour to inform you of the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of the sixty-third session, on 19 September 2008, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Third Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections III and IV of the report of the General Committee (A/63/250 and Corr.1) concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

May I also draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the same report. Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

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Allocation of items to the Third Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [item 39].

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

3. Social development [item 55]:

   (a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

   (b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

   (c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing;

   (d) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all;

   (e) Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons.

4. Advancement of women [item 56]:

   (a) Advancement of women;

   (b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

D. Promotion of human rights

5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [item 60]:

   (a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;

   (b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

6. Indigenous issues [item 61]:

   (a) Indigenous issues;

   (b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

7. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [item 62]:

   (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

   (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

8. Right of peoples to self-determination [item 63].

9. Promotion and protection of human rights [item 64]:

   (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

   (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

   (e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

10. Crime prevention and criminal justice [item 97].

11. International drug control [item 98].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

12. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (see para. 69 (h)) [item 110].

13. Programme planning (see para. 73 (a)) [item 119].